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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: GATT
SUBJ: DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES AT GATT COUNCIL

REF: GENEVA 3127

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT DISC AND RELATED TAX
PRACTICES WILL APPEAR TO MAY 23 GATT COUNCIL AGENDA. DISC
ITEM WAS REQUESTED BY EC AND TAX PRACTICES FRANCE,
BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS REQUESTED BY US. SECRETARIAT SAYS
ITEM WILL APPEAR AS BEFORE WITH FOUR SUB PARTS.

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2. AS STATED PARA 4 OF REFTL, FRANCE, BELGIUM, NETHER-
LANDS ACTIVELY SEEKING MEANS TO DELAY ADOPTION THEIR
REPORTS AND PRESS SEPARATE ADOPTION DISC REPORT. EC HAS
LABBIED ACTIVELY, HELD AT LEAST ONE WORKING LUNCHEON WITH
OTHER DELS AND WE UNDERSTAND POSSIBLY PLANNING ANOTHER.
WE CAN EXPECT EXTENDED ARGUMENTS IN COUNCIL ASSERTING

THAT PANELS ON OTHER THREE COUNTRIES' PRACTICES WENT BEYOND GATT CONCEPT OF "EXPORTS", WERE TOO GENERAL IN THEIR TREATMENT OF SUBJECT, AND OVERALL TOOK MATTER TOO CASUALLY.

3. WE HAVE COUNTERED WITH OUR OWN LUNCHEON HOSTED BY ECOMIN, ARGUING THAT US STILL PREPARED ACCEPT ADOPTION ALL FOUR REPORTS AT THE SAME TIME BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN ADOPTION OF DISC REPORT ALONE. WE ALSO ARGUED AGAINST ANY PROCEDURE TO PUT QUESTIONS TO PANELS OR OTHERWISE CALL INTO DOUBT PANELS' COMPETENCE, AS ALL PARTIES CONCERNED HAD AGREED ON PANEL MEMBERSHIP AND HAD PRESENTED FULL ARGUMENTS TO PANELS. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED PANEL CHAIRMAN MARIADISON WHETHER HE HAS COME UNDER ANY PRESSURE TO AGREE TO ANY FURTHER QUESTION AND ANSWER PROCEDURE. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD INDIRECTLY DISCUSSIONS OF THE POSSIBILITY BUT HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY. HE SAID HIS POSITION WAS AND WILL REMAIN THAT PANELS HAVE DISPERSED AND HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO DO. SORENSON

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